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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 10, 1907.
SENATOR Beveridge was bitter in his comments this week on the House Committee on Judiciary which returned his anti-child labor to the Appropriation Committee of the House with an adverse report saying it was a matter in which the Federal government could not properly interfere. In speaking of the report of the committee Senator Beveridge said: "It is absurd as a matter of law. It deliberately ignores the decision of the Supreme Court, like the famous lottery decision; ignores the existence of a dozen similar existing laws such as the meat law, the pure food law, or the law prohibiting interstate commerce in insects and numerous similar laws; completely ignores the fact that the power of Congress over Interstate Commerce is the same as the power over foreign commerce, which has been held to be a fact by the Supreme Court of the United States more than a dozen times. The report ignores the existing law prohibiting the importation of convict made goods which the Supreme Court authorizes this country to bar from interstate commerce. The report of the Committee from a legal standpoint is absurd and inexecutable, but it has a still worse effect. If reform bill can be killed by referring them to a small committee of men then there is an end to the whole reform movement. Such matters should be brought to the floor of the House and be put to a record vote. As the case now stands a committee or a sub-committee creates itself a small empire court inside of Congress and allows Senators and Representatives to hide behind it and refrain from voting on any measure of reform or other measure against which they dare not go on record. I consider the precedent established the most dangerous of recent years."

It appears from Senator Rayner's speech last week and the resolution which he has now introduced into Congress calling for a reversal of the President's decision in the Schley court of inquiry case that the whole of the unprofitable and unanswerable Schley-Sampson controversy is to be re-opened and perhaps kept before the public for another term of months if not years. It will be recalled that the President in passing upon the findings of the Schley court of inquiry held that Admiral Schley had been guilty of grave technical errors during the fight against Cervera's fleet of Santiago, and that the battle, as a matter of fact, was a Captain's fight and could not properly be credited to the direction of either Schley or Sampson as a fleet commander. This decision while it naturally created hostile comment on both sides was in reality about as fair as could be rendered under the circumstances. The battle at Santiago was a Captain's fight if ever there was one in Naval history. Admiral Sampson was not on the ground during any part of the active engagement and Admiral Schley while he may have been nominally in command could not be said to have had any more part in the eventual destruction of the Spanish fleet than had any other ship commander in the squadron. There was undoubtedly much bitter hostility against Admiral Schley by the other naval officers on the south side of Cuba. He was blamed by his enemies for many things that he neglected, and given credit by his friends for many things that he did not do. Admiral Sampson while a fine tactician was a cold and distant man who had not the power of personal magnetism in the same degree as his rival and despite his coldness and tactlessness he undoubtedly did a broken hearted man the results of the controversy. The public is tired of the whole affair and it will be with great regret that the real friends of the navy will see the controversy reopened at all.

Nothing has been definitely decided about the contract for the construction of the Panama Canal. Chairman Shonts of the Isthmian Canal Commission returned to Washington this week and expressed himself as thoroughly in favor of digging the canal by contract. He also expressed surprise that Chief Engineer Stevens who heretofore has been an advocate of the contract method should have come out in an interview announcing that he would resign from his position unless the construction was undertaken by the Canal Commission itself. The whole matter has been put off for a fortnight while the War Department and the Canal Commission investigate the financial standing of the Oliver combination of bidders and compare their bid with that of the McArthur Gillespie people. Back of the whole matter is a fierce fight for the canal contract, in which some of the biggest financial interests of the country are engaged. Immense pressure has been brought to bear on the War Department to prevent awarding the contract to Oliver and his associates. Partially, no doubt, because Thomas Ryan of New York is largely in the back of the scheme, although not openly interested in it. On the other hand similar efforts have been made in favor of the McArthur Gillespie Company, the friends of that organization realizing that 12 1/2 per cent. profit on a nearly \$200,000,000 job is a government plum well worth trying for. The whole controversy may explode into a bad scandal before a decision is reached, and there are sure to be charges and countercharges of favoritism and improper influence, no matter how the contract may be awarded. It is possible, after all, that less heart burning and jealousy would be engendered if the Commission did the work itself and if it can estimate the cost as closely as it is supposed to be able to, there seems no practical reason why it should not do the work and save the government whatever percentage on the profit would otherwise be paid to a contractor.

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PUBLIC ROAD LEGISLATION

Considered at a Meeting of Farmers Held in Wilmington Saturday

A meeting of the Farmers Institute was held Saturday morning at the Irish-American Hall, 608 French street, Wilmington, for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to good roads. The meeting was largely attended. William P. Peach presided and John Nivin acted as secretary.

Among those present were Matthew Roer, John Mitchell, J. Atwood Weidin, William P. Peach, John Nivin, Thomas T. Weidin, Horace Diworth, Representative Darlington Fling, Isaac Richards, James T. Shallice, J. Wilkins Cooch, Daniel W. Corbit, Arnold Naudain, S. Frank Ewart, Dr. T. R. Nolk, Dr. A. T. Naale, Philip Pierson, Charles McGinnis, George G. Kerr, John Peach, John Worral, Clayton White, John O'Neil, Levy Courtman C. Canby Hopkins, Highway Commissioner Francis A. Price, Thomas E. Bayard, H. H. Ward.

The proposed act to abolish the road commissioners, which was approved by the Levy Court several days ago, was read by Thomas F. Bayard, who, with H. H. Ward, is counsel for the Farmers Institute. It was considered by sections. Richard G. Buckingham said he did not favor the section because it would legislate out of office all the present road commissioners, who were only recently elected. He did not think this should be done so suddenly. Horace Diworth also objected, but thought the system should be established gradually. Isaac T. Richards, a member of the Legislature, thought the section should be amended. On motion of Mr. Bayard, the section was amended so that the road commissioners will be removed gradually and some of them will remain in office until 1908.

Section 2, providing that all the public roads, bridges and highways be placed under the control of the Levy Court, was next taken up. S. Frank Ewart, a former member of the Levy Court, made objections. He said he was opposed to giving any additional power to the Levy Court, and would advocate that all the appointive powers of the Levy Court be removed instead of additional powers given. It was explained to Mr. Ewart by Mr. Ward that the section did not provide for any appointments and the section was then adopted.

Section 3, which provides for the appointment of a road engineer at a salary of \$2,500 a year and defines his duties as to be in charge of the roads, was next taken up. The majority of the delegates to James H. McDonald, president of the American Road Makers Association. Accompany the letter was one from Secretary of State Joseph L. Cahill in which he stated that Governor Lea would appreciate it if the Levy Court would submit a list of two or three names from which a delegate might be selected. President McFarlin suggested Levy Court Commissioners Hopkins, and Scott, and it was decided to recommend to Governor Lea that he also appoint Highway Commissioner Price.

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THREE INSECT PESTS

Three of our more destructive insect pests, which at the present time are represented only in the egg stage, are now open to attack, and a little work done at this time of year or early in the spring will yield large returns another season. They are commonly known as the Apple-tree Tent Caterpillar, the Tussock Moth, and Bag-worm, and will be briefly considered in the order named. As we are at the present time concerned only with their destruction in the egg stage, no detailed description of the other stages will be given. The main point is to be able to locate and recognize the egg-masses, in order they may be destroyed. The caterpillars are only too well known by most persons interested in rural life.

The Apple-tree Tent Caterpillar

The egg-masses of this insect, as the name indicates, are more commonly found upon the apple tree, and when opened will always be readily recognized. They are ring-like clusters usually about half an inch in length, and a third of an inch in diameter, which ordinarily encircle, or nearly surround the smaller twigs.

They present the appearance of a dark waxy mass, covered with a sort of varnish. If these egg-masses are carefully examined they will be seen to be composed of a large number, usually two or three hundred, of eggs, closely cemented together. These masses have been on the trees since last summer, and as soon as the buds begin to open next spring the caterpillars will begin to emerge and feed upon the leaves. As will be readily seen, the destructions of one of these egg-masses may save a tree from the ravages of two or three hundred of the large, hairy caterpillars, which render our trees ugly, by the destruction of foliage, and the large "tents" which they construct.

The White-Marked Tussock Moth

The egg-masses of this species are to be found on a large number of fruit and shade trees, especially the plum, apple, pear and cherry, among the former, and the aspen, poplar, linden, willow and horse-chestnut among the latter. They may be found on both trunks and branches, and when in the latter position are usually marked by the residue of one or more dead leaves. The egg-masses, which are whitish and look as though covered with a sort of frosting, are usually attached to the cocoon, from which the moth that deposited the eggs emerged. One of these masses usually contains from three to five hundred eggs, closely cemented together and spread irregularly over the cocoon. The majority of these eggs hatch in May, but a few of the larvae may emerge the latter part of April. When full grown they are very pretty creatures, with bright red heads and yellow bodies. They have two long black plumes projecting forward, one on each side of the head and another plume projecting backward at the posterior end of the body. On the neck, back and sides of the head are four cream colored, brush-like tufts.

There are two broods of this insect in Delaware, and the egg-masses from which the second brood emerges may be found about midsummer. These should also be destroyed, but it is not as easy a matter to locate them at this time of year as now, since many will be concealed by the foliage.

The Bag Worm

Unlike the two preceding forms the egg-masses of this species are not exposed to the action of the weather, but are contained within the curious, weather-beaten bags which are so often seen at this time of year hanging in our trees and hedges. Like the Tussock Moth, this species has a large number of food plants, attacking both fruit and shade trees. Among the former may be mentioned the quince apple, pear, plum, cherry and peach, and among the latter the elm, maple, locust, linden, Norway spruce and red cedar. The caterpillars are especially destructive to arbor-vitae hedges.

The bags are such common objects that a detailed description of them seems hardly necessary here, and which they are epiphytic or conical-shaped and are formed of silk, being studded with bits of sticks and leaves. They are ordinarily about an inch in length and swing freely, being suspended at one end only. If these bags are cut open, some, the smaller ones, will be found to be empty, but the majority will be found to contain a mass of yellow, fluffy material, imbedded in which are a large number of eggs. The smaller, empty bags sheltered the male caterpillars last summer, and from them the male moths emerged later. After pairing with the females the males died, as did the females after their eggs were deposited. The females, when full grown are helpless, wingless creatures, which never leave their cases until their eggs are deposited. Then they make their way out of the bags, fall to the ground and die. In the spring the egg hatch, and the little caterpillars emerge from their bags and begin to feed, at the same time constructing cases for themselves. These are made of leaf fragments held together by means of silken threads. They are voracious creatures, and destroy large quantities of foliage. This is especially noticeable in arbor vitae hedges, and many fine hedges in this State have been killed by them. A little time given to the collection and destruction of these egg-cases at this time of year may save your hedges from destruction another season.

C. O. HOCHMOR,

Entomologist to Delaware Experiment Station.

Legal (F) Exemptions

Everything is unconstitutional when the railroad's toes are trod upon. Even passes for the members of the Legislature are not allowable under the constitution. We wonder if it would be unconstitutional to do away with the commutation tax scheme now in vogue, and tax the railroads on a parity with the poorest in our community? Is there any good and sufficient reason why the rolling stock and roadbeds of our railroads should not be taxed according to their real value? If there is let us hear it.—Union Republican.

LOCAL OPTION FAVORED

Republican State Committee Declared at Special Meeting

"For the purpose of conferring with Joseph C. Parker, of Middletown, and a committee appointed by him relative to local option legislation, the Republican State Central Committee held a meeting in this city Tuesday afternoon, and the result of the conference was the adoption of a resolution favoring the submission to the people of the state the question of the sale of intoxicants, also urging the Republican members of the General Assembly to keep faith with the people. This was the resolution:

Resolved, That the State Central Committee of the Republican party calls the attention of those members of the General Assembly who were elected as Republicans and who owe allegiance to our party, to that part of the platform adopted at the convention of the Republican party held September 5th, 1906, reading as follows: We favor the submission to the people of the state, as provided by the Constitution, the question of the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and urge upon the Republican members of the General Assembly that good faith be kept with the people and that a measure be prepared in accord with said provision of the platform, which should be loyally supported by the Republican members of the General Assembly.

"Mr. Parker and several other members of his committee made addresses advocating a special election next fall to vote on local option, a bill for which is now being prepared and after a general discussion the resolution was adopted.

"Mr. Parker's committee comprised City Councilman Howard D. Ross, of Wilmington; George M. Jones, of Dover; S. S. Pennell, of Greenwood, who represented State Treasurer, T. N. Rawlin; Martin B. Byriss, of Middletown, and United States Marshal William R. Fling, of Newport.—Morning News.

ROAD CONGRESS

A letter from Governor Stuart of Pennsylvania to Governor Lea of Delaware was read at the meeting of the Levy Court Friday afternoon. Governor Stuart called attention to a National Congress of State Highway Commissioners to be held in Flushing on March 12th and 13th, and asked Governor Lea, in case he approved the purpose of the convention, to send a list of delegates to James H. McDonald, president of the American Road Makers Association. Accompany the letter was one from Secretary of State Joseph L. Cahill in which he stated that Governor Lea would appreciate it if the Levy Court would submit a list of two or three names from which a delegate might be selected.

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CRIPPLING THE PURE FOOD BILL

A successful attempt to impair the efficiency of the pure food law, a measure directly affecting every citizen, was made in the House of Representatives last week, in the opinion of the People's Lobby, which is a National organization, supported by popular subscription. The agricultural appropriation bill contained an amendment of \$500,000, to carry into effect the provisions of the pure food act. There was added to this section, on motion of Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, the following amendment:

"Provided, That no part of this sum shall be used for the payment of compensation or expenses of any officer or other person employed by any State, County or Municipal Government."

This amendment, as it stands, would shatter the plan already adopted by the Department of Agriculture. Such a provision would forbid the payment, to any State, county, or municipal official, of money for expert opinion, or for services, before a court, or attending an advisory board meeting. It cannot be questioned that in many States the machinery for the enforcement of pure food regulations is well organized, and the men in charge thoroughly trained. The Department plan has always been to secure, whenever possible, the services of these experts on part-time, and the use of their laboratories and other facilities.

This would avoid a very great part of the expense. To proceed independently would involve an appropriation of five millions, instead of the modest sum of \$500,000 asked for. This is the estimate of Representative Mann of Illinois, who was largely instrumental in getting the pure food bill passed last year, and who opposed this amendment vigorously.

In the fight over the pure food bill the "special interests" opposing the measure did everything to create a feeling of antagonism between State officials and the advocates of a Federal law. By this means it was hoped to divide the forces of reform and bring about a conflict of opinion regarding the issues involved. The plot failed. The pure food law has received unqualified approval from the State officers. It would now appear that the same thing is being attempted in a different way—that is, by practically prohibiting all plans for co-operation between the National and State authorities.

Representative Tawney was supported in his attempt to cripple the pure food law by Representative Fitzgerald of New York, Representative Sullivan, of Massachusetts, and Representative Crum-packer, of Indiana.

The main argument of these Congressmen was that, to employ State experts, would eventually put the whole cost of the enforcement of pure food laws—State as well as Federal—on the National Government. The plan of the Department of Agriculture provides ample safeguards against such a contingency. This statement is made on authority of Representative Wadsworth, of New York, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, and of Mr. Cooke, of New York, another member of that Committee, who said:

"The plan proposed by the Department seems to the entire Committee to be an entirely feasible and workable plan, notwithstanding the objection made by the gentleman here."

The agricultural appropriation bill, in which is incorporated Mr. Tawney's "joker," is now in the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate, of which Senator Proctor of Vermont, is Chairman.

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TRUSTEES OF POOR

Court House Officers and Bridge Tender Elected at Session of Levy Court

Three trustees of the poor, Court House officers and bridge-tenders were elected by the Levy Court at its meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The election resulted as follows: Trustees of the Poor—Brandywine hundred, Dr. E. Harvey Day; St. Georges hundred, Enoch G. Alley; Blackbird hundred, Charles Beith. The Court House officers re-elected were as follows:

Night Watchman, William Logue; fireman, S. Lomon; Peterson; day janitor, John B. Kelley; night janitor, Amos Collins; regulator of clock, William R. Clark.

The following bridge-tenders were re-elected: Third street, Pennell Stotzer, day tender; William Virden, night tender; Eleventh street, William T. Walker; Seventh street, John Fancett; Market street, William H. Murphy, day tender; Mansfield Arm-trong, night tender; Market street bridge over the Brandywine, Wilson Hensley; Washington street, Michael Palese; Newport, James Malan; Odessa, William A. Rhodes; Fleming's, Anna Gibbons; Fennimore, Rhoda Caulk; Christiansa, John A. Wansley; Churchmans, Benjamin Zook.

Sylvester D. Townsend, Jr., the court's attorney, presented an amendment to the bill asking the General Assembly to authorize a \$200,000 bond issue for the purpose of building good roads.

This amendment was the result of a suggestion made by the Farmers' Institute at a meeting held last Saturday, and it provides that instead of giving the Levy Court the option of spending the money on what roads it sees fit, the money shall be divided pro-rata between the various hundreds, according to the assessment in the hundreds. The amendment was accepted, and the attorney was instructed to do all possible to secure its passage.

W. A. Schneck, a contracting engineer of Washington, who was instructed by the court several weeks ago to prepare plans for fireproof filing cases for the various Court House offices, was before the Levy Court during the afternoon and stated that he had about completed the plans. The plans were not submitted to the court, however, but probably will be at the next meeting.

At the morning session the resignation of James T. Chandler as superintendent of the morgue was received. In the communication Mr. Chandler recommended that Harvey E. Nichols, the present deputy coroner, be appointed his successor. Mr. Chandler was appointed morgue superintendent two years ago for a term of four years at a salary of \$25 a year. His resignation was accepted, but no action was taken relative to the election of a new superintendent.

Corner James H. Calloway sent a communication stating that he had procured the building on North street, between Tatnall and West, to be used as a morgue and asked that the court designate the

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Mails Close as Follows.
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 4:30 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—7:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 11:20 a. m., 4:30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9:20 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

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Gold Crowns, Bridges and Platework made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

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Take your Walnuts to C. S. MOSTROM and get the highest cash prices.

Hear the latest Phonograph Records at Monro's.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at Evans' Exchange Store.

FOR SALE.—A Mason Piano, cost \$400; has been used one year, in first-class condition. Will sell for \$175. Apply to This Office.

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MOSTROMERY will pay cash for Black Walnuts in the shell.

Wide-awake and no pain—either in extracting or filling teeth. Dr. Johnson.

Leave your laundry at Jones' barber shop. The best of work and prompt service.

Edison Phonographs and Records for sale at WALTER MONRO'S.

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Call and see Dr. G. A. Burton for moderate prices on up-to-date dental work. All work guaranteed.

WANTED.—A white girl for general housework (pleasant) at 828 Jackson Street, Wilmington, Delaware. A good home and \$3.00 per week.

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

FOR SALE.—A Buffalo Robe in good condition. Dr. D. W. LEWIS.

FOR RENT.—Large commodious corner store in Odessa, now occupied by F. B. Watkins. Apply to D. W. COBBET, Odessa, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post-office for the week ending Feb. 7th: Mrs. S. C. Shallerose, Miss Etta Shottelmyer, Mr. J. D. Beltz, Mr. Herman Weir.

E. H. Beck, Real Estate Broker, has sold the farm belonging to James E. Vaughan located on road from Kenton to Blackstone X Roads containing 85 acres to William Kemp of Kenton, Md., for \$5,500.

With the exception of the Christmas holiday record all records for mail matter handled were broken at the local post office Thursday and it was all on account of the number of valentines received. No one can remember such a deluge of these missives having ever been sent out or received before.

ROSE COME RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS FOR SALE. These birds are great egg producers, fine table fowls, and extremely hardy. I have the finest pens of reds in the State, and a visit to my yards will convince you of the truthfulness of this statement.

C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

At the Quarterly Conference of Wesley M. E. Church of Dover, Wednesday an invitation was extended to Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, to become pastor of the church the coming conference year. Dr. Lightbourne is at present located at Middletown—Every Evening.

Mr. J. T. Rhoads, who resides on Bellevue Manor, had an operation performed for appendicitis on Friday last at the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia. We are glad to state that Mr. Rhoads is now improving, and hopes to be able to return home in a few days.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Bethesda M. E. Church will give a "Social Tea" on Friday evening, February 22d, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Parker. Tea will be served from 6 until 8 P. M., good meals at only 15c. All the members and friends are invited to take tea and enjoy a social evening as well.

The funeral of Abram Fennimore who died on Thursday, aged 80 years, will take place this (Saturday) afternoon at two o'clock. The services will be held at the residence of Mrs. Julia F. Douglas in Odessa, and interment will be made in St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown. All friends are invited to attend funeral with our further notice.

The Matinee Enchire was entertained by Mrs. John P. Cochran last Thursday, February 7th, at her home near Masses, Md. Playing began promptly at 12 M., and continued until 2 P. M., when a poultry dinner was served to the members and guests. First prize, a fancy box of writing paper, was won by Mrs. John P. Cochran; 2d prize, a fancy china pitcher, was won by Miss Elsie Price; Miss Julia Lockwood won the consolation prize, a fancy pitcher. The guest prize, a work bag, was won by Miss Ware, of Masses, Md.

A Farce Comedy and Vandeville Company will be the attraction at the Middletown Opera House this (Saturday) evening. The admission will be 15c, 25c and 35c and the performance will begin at 8 o'clock. In speaking of the blind piano player, an exchange says: "At the Opera House to-night one of the best entertainments of the season will be presented by George W. Leely, which for the benefit of a young blind lad, Louis Sipple, who is one of the cleverest piano players in this country. Although he is blind Mr. Sipple can render most difficult selections upon the piano."

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Century Club Rendered Pleasing Program—Luncheon Served

The New Century Club gave a delightful "birthday party" on Tuesday afternoon, from 2 to 4, to celebrate their tenth birthday anniversary. The efficient committee had spent much time and taken a good deal of trouble to make the occasion a successful one, and their efforts were rewarded. All expressed themselves as having a delightful time. At 2 o'clock the luncheon consisting of chicken salad, tongue, Maryland blenny, olives, ice cream, fancy cakes, coffee and nuts was served by Mrs. G. A. Burton, Misses Josephine Cochran, Julia Lockwood, Grace Parvis, Eliza Green, Emma Kelley and May Holten, while Miss Myrtle Houston poured the coffee. A blessing was asked by Rev. Mr. Clay. During the lunch, the President, Mrs. John C. Sittes in a few well chosen words, welcomed the visitors and members to the birthday party and called on the visitors for speeches. Miss Bancroft, President of the Wilmington Club said she was glad to find another club president as young as herself. She invited the members of the Middletown Club to attend the Federation of Clubs, which meets in Wilmington in May.

Mrs. R. L. Cann, of Kirkwood, President of the State Federation, offered greetings to the club on behalf of the Federation.

Mrs. Ridgley, president of the Dover Club, said she hoped if there were any newspaper reporters present, they would take notice that all the women were not trying to talk at once, as they are sometimes said to do.

Mrs. Boyer, President of the Smyrna Club, brought a word of greeting from Smyrna, and told of delightful lectures given in Smyrna by two of our pastors, Rev. Mr. Moore and Rev. Mr. Clay.

Mrs. Richards, President of the Milford Club, invited the club members to meet with Milford next week at their ninth birthday party.

Mrs. Cooper, of Felton, and Mrs. Cooper, of Wyoming, spoke a few kindly words on behalf of their Clubs.

Abraham Lincoln's picture occupied a prominent place in the room and flags and flowers were used in the decorations. The favors were tied with the Club colors, green and yellow.

After the lunch, a delightful program was given. Mrs. J. G. Bragdon gave an instrumental solo and sang "Sing me to sleep." Mrs. Bragdon and Rev. Clay sang a duet, followed by a solo by Mr. Clay.

A very interesting and amusing "Hickory Contest" followed. This consisted of twenty questions in history, which each member was expected to answer to the best of her ability, a prize to be awarded to the one answering the most questions correctly. Miss Bancroft, of Wilmington, and Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Odessa, were the successful contestants, each answering questions correctly.

These contestants "drew straws" to see who should receive the prize, a handsome copy of James Whitcomb Riley's poems, Mrs. Sterner being the successful contestant.

Those present were: Mrs. Ridgley, Miss Dora Wilson, Miss Eliza Jones, Miss Elizabeth Collins and Miss Allaway from Dover; Mrs. Henry Boyer, Miss Edith Beck and Miss Bertie Smithers, from Smyrna; Mrs. Swayne, Mrs. H. C. Browne, Miss Bancroft and Miss Bush from Wilmington; Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Pierce from Milford; Mrs. Conner from Felton; Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Charles Jols from Wyoming; Mrs. L. G. Sterner from Camden; Mrs. R. L. Cann and Mrs. Boyd McCoy from Kirkwood; Mrs. J. Frank Edmonson from Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. R. R. Cochran, Mrs. C. J. Freeman, Mrs. John Armstrong, Mrs. G. L. Cochran, Mrs. J. L. Shepherd, Mrs. Fred Brady, Mrs. C. A. Ritchie, Mrs. H. B. McDowell, Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mrs. C. B. Green, Mrs. G. A. Burton, Mrs. Edward Reynolds, Mrs. George Derrickson, Mrs. Charles Derrickson, Miss Eugenia Beaten, Dora Price, Laura Willits, Hester Jones, Jodie Biggs, Helen Naudain, Ethel Brady, Sara Cochran, May Holten, Myrtle Houston, Emma Kelley, Julia Lockwood, Lydia Cochran, Grace Parvis, Josephine Cochran, Eliza Green, Martha Heston and Rev. A. E. Clay.

CHURCH NOTES

Organ recital and musical service at St. Anne's Church on Sunday afternoon, February 17th, at 3:30 o'clock. Organ and vocal selections from the composer Mozart will be rendered.

Dathon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P., and Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., will attend divine service at St. Anne's Episcopal Church Sunday morning, February 17th, when the Rector, Rev. A. E. Clay will preach a special sermon. The members are requested to meet at Castle Hall at 9:45 o'clock, and proceed in a body to the Church.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "An Easy Life versus a Hard One." 2 Tim. 2:13. Leader, Miss Metten.

LETTER TO C. P. COCHRAN

Middletown, Del.

Dear Sir: A man led his hens half meal and half sawdust; he thought they wouldn't know the difference. He concluded they did when the eggs hatched woodpeckers.

Another man painted his house with a paint that was made of half paint and half sawdust. He didn't know the difference—and till he paid the painter.

He had 20 dollars to pay for, 20 instead of 10. Got fooled \$12.50 on the paint.

He had 20 days' wages to pay for, 20 instead of 10. Fooled \$30 in wages.

He got a poor job besides. He paid too much for his eggs, and they hatched woodpeckers.

Yours truly
P. W. DEVORE & CO.
P. S. J. F. McWhorter & Son sell our paint.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th, 1907.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Wilson G. Lockwood, attorney for Elizabeth W. Lockwood, on home farm, known as "Heath Kange," 14 miles west of Warwick, Md.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Clara Willits is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Cox has been visiting in Camden, N. J.

Miss Eliza R. Hurn is spending a month in Cheltenham, Pa.

Miss Louise McDowell is the guest of relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Eva Swayne, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. J. C. Parker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood L. Brown spent Sunday with relatives near Clayton.

Mrs. J. C. Sittes entertained Miss Elizabeth Collins, of Dover, part of this week.

Mr. Grandon C. Reed, of Wilmington, is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. B. Marker.

Mrs. W. H. Moore spent last Sunday with her daughter, Miss Sylvia, in Cheltenham, Pa.

Misses Mary and Ella Jones, of Dover, visited Mrs. W. R. Parker several days this week.

Miss Joe Wolfe, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Bertha Byron part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hall, of Philadelphia, were guests of his mother, Mrs. R. C. Hall.

Mr. Herman Wilson, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac T. Wilson.

Miss Jeannette Numbers, of Woodbridge, N. J., spent Sunday with Miss Elsie R. Jones.

Mr. Gilbert Clark, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark.

Mrs. Charles N. Dickinson, of Norris-ton, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Webb.

Miss Elva Reed, of Wilmington, spent several days this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. R. Marker.

Mrs. Walter I. Taylor has returned to her home in Williamsburg, Va., to spend several weeks with her mother.

Mr. J. R. Hofferker and Mrs. C. A. Hofferker attended the funeral of Mr. Robert D. Hofferker, Sr., in Smyrna, on Wednesday.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hopkins returned on Saturday from a two weeks' vacation with relatives and friends in Wildwood, N. J., and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Leslie F. Schreitz and daughter, Miss Jeannette, left Thursday morning for Mayfield, Kentucky, where they will spend a month with relatives.

DEATH OF MRS. MARGARET BROCKSON

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Margaret A. Brockson, widow of James Brockson and the mother of Messrs. William and Samuel J. Brockson of this town, died at her home in Clayton Thursday night at 11:30 o'clock in the 79th year of her age.

Mrs. Brockson had been a resident of Clayton for the past 7 years and during the balance of her life was a resident of New Castle County.

She leaves ten devoted children to mourn her death. They are: R. C. Brockson, J. E. Brockson, Mrs. W. B. Waldin, George Brockson, Miss Elia Brockson, William Brockson, Mrs. J. E. Latoune, S. J. Brockson, Franklin Brockson. When a child she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and as long as her health would permit took an active part in church work.

The funeral services will be held at her late home in Clayton Monday morning at ten o'clock and interment will be made in the family burial lot in Old Fellows' Cemetery in Smyrna.

ODESSA

Miss Frances Hubbard was a Wilmington visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. Malcolm Ford, of East Orange, N. J., was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Miss Katie Krumm, of Philadelphia, was a visitor in town one day last week.

Mr. Charles Spicer visited his daughter at Stockley from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Lightfoot entertained the Ushers Union at her home on Thursday evening.

Mr. Augusta Kumpel is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kumpel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kumpel and son, of Delanco, N. J., spent Sunday here with their parents.

Miss Lonnie T. VanDyke, of Ridley Park, spent a few days this week with Miss Ethel L. Mailly.

Mrs. O. C. Stevens attended the wedding of her niece in Kennedysville, Md., on Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and son Stanley spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens.

The W. H. M. S. held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. G. W. Davis on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Stradley returned to her home in Red Lion on Thursday, after having spent some time here with her sister, Mrs. Joseph A. Rhoades.

Rev. J. A. Brewington, of St. Georges, will administer the Sacrament in St. Pauls M. E. Church to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, and will preach in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The pupils of the Odessa public schools entitled to special mention for the month ending February 1st, 1907, are as follows: Minnie Armstrong, Stella Owens, Jeannette Watkins, Gertrude Wallace, Emma Penington, Ralph Shallerose, Ethel Webb, Helen Watkins, William Ginn, Fred Kiekopf, Earl Pleasanton, Florence Atterley, Lloyd Cauley, Anna Berry, Walter Wiest, Arthur Philippe, Frances Davis, Robert Heller, Mildred Phillips, Grace Carpenter, Oka Wallace, Isabella Smith, Helen Kumpel, Craig Naudain, Blanche West, Corinne Kiekopf, Viola Smith, Edna Carpenter, Delaware Lightcap, Frank Croft, Ertion Massey, Lena Massey, Loeta Buckson.

MANY WILL ASK PENSIONS

It is expected that a number of Delaware veterans of the Civil War will apply for pensions or for an increase in their present pensions under the law which was recently passed by Congress.

It is not known how many Delaware men are affected by the bill, but the number is considerable. Some who served but a short time but contracted ailments in the service will now be upon the same footing as others who have been receiving pensions for no more serious results. The members of the veterans' organizations in Wilmington are well pleased that the measure has been passed and will enable deserving soldiers to secure recognition.

MID-WINTER

The young men of Odessa, feeling the congratulations of their friends over the success of their Mid-Winter dance, given in the Odessa Hall, on Tuesday evening last. The hall was artistically decorated with holly, evergreen and flags, and presented a beautiful appearance.

Elliot's Orchestra of Wilmington, furnished excellent music. Refreshments were served at 11:30 o'clock.

Those invited for the occasion were: Middletown—

Misses Ethel and Helen Brady, Elizabeth Lindley, Helen Cochran, Bertie and Louise Cochran, Esther Shallerose, Susie Foard, Eliza Green, Mary Hutchin, Grace Hellwell, Martha Heaton, Julia Lockwood, Helen Naudain, Maria and Mary Naudain, Grace Parvis, Dora Price, Clara Willits, Louise McDowell, Justine Peverley, Mrs. Clara Green, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Sittes, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Cochran, Messrs. W. H. Brady, J. H. Foard, Lucien Green, H. S. Brady, Isaac Gibbs, Jr., Charles H. Crawford, William G. Lockwood, Harry and James Lockwood, Joseph C. Parker, Jr., Outhbert and Sydney Peverley, Dr. E. M. Vaughan.

Odessa—

Misses Frances Aspril, Marion Miffin, Ethel Mailly, Helen and Mary Townsend, Edna Ewell, Yvonne Moore, Mrs. G. W. Davis, Mrs. John Watkins, Mrs. L. V. Aspril, Jr., Mrs. S. F. Shallerose, Mrs. N. A. Davis, Mr. E. M. Shallerose.

McDonough—

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pool, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pool, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Pool.

Delaware City—

Mr. William Townsend.

Misses Mary Hazel and Lilian Speakman, Dr. R. A. Comegys, Messrs. Cummine Speakman and Stockley Ayres.

Wilmington—

Miss Hayes, Mrs. S. D. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend, Jr., Andrew and Herman McCauley, Charles Stockley, G. N. Davis, Rodney Sharp, Edgar Gause, Harry Townsend.

Philadelphia—

Messrs. Joseph P. Comegys, Lloyd M. Bragdon, Fred S. Crouch, Jesse Willits, Joseph Williams.

Ridley Park, Pa.—

Miss Louise VanDyke.

Moore, Pa.—

Mr. and Mrs. Bassett Ferguson.

Galemsd.—

Mr. William A. Hyland.

Georgetown, Md.—

The Misses Woodall and James Woodall, Jr.

PORT PENN

Mr. William Carpenter, of Newark, was an over Sunday guest of friends and relatives.

Miss Anna May Heavell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Robert Smith near New Castle.

Rev. Kenzie J. Stewart, a former resident of our town, holds the position as chaplain of the Senate at Harrisburg.

Clayton Johnson living near Earlville, Md., is spending the week in his father's family here, having brought his bride with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in the family of his father, Frank P. Johnson.

George W. Duncan one of our former light keepers, called in the village for a short time on Wednesday.

Considerable interest is manifested in the fish law now before the Legislature, and a committee has arranged to go to Dover with a similar one from New Castle to endeavor to prevent anything being enacted detrimental to their trade. There is a strong suspicion that New Jersey will be favored in the interstate law proposed and that a sized mesh be required that will virtually prohibit catching of small fish other than shad.

TOWNSEND

Sherman Webb visited town on Wednesday.

Mr. Long, of Chestertown, Md., was a brief visitor in town on Monday.

Miss Lillian West visited Miss Elsie Cary, of near Smyrna, over Sunday.

Miss Maud Smith, of Middletown, visited Mrs. L. L. Maloney over Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Aspril, of Odessa, was an over Sunday visitor with S. Tinley Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, of near Smyrna, were visitors in town on Monday.

Mrs. Lee has returned home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Morris, of near Smyrna.

Mr. William Elia-on and wife, of near Mt. Pleasant, were Sunday visitors with L. L. Maloney and wife.

The scholars of the public school are undergoing the mid-term examination this week, the percentage received by some is excellent.

Mr. George Deakney, of near Gulls, Md., died at his home after an illness of about three weeks, on Thursday night of last week. Funeral services were held on Sunday; interment being made in Union Cemetery.

Misses Lena Statts and Helen Start royally entertained Fort Nightly Society on Tuesday evening. It had a Valentine social every member wore a red heart. The evening was one of jollification and merriment, and at a late hour refreshments were served. They then bade their hostesses good night, looking forward with much pleasure to the next meeting.

WARWICK

Reverial services closed here on Sunday evening last.

We are sorry to report Charles Flint-ham is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Prof. Guy Johnson spent from Friday to Monday with relatives in Elkton.

Mrs. A. E. Delaney, of Baltimore, has returned home from spending the past week with her mother, Mrs. Rachel Merritt.

Miss Blanche Wright was the guest of friends in Elkton last week.

Mrs. Richard Merritt and Mrs. A. E. Delaney visited Mrs. William Pierce, of Middletown, one day last week.

The dancing school will be held in the hall every Wednesday evening. Mr. Crawford has quite a large class.

J. A. Pierce and C. W. Davis, Jr., and wife and R. B. Snyder and wife were the guests of L. B. Manlove and wife on Friday last.

CECILTON

Miss Edna Stephens is entertaining her friend from Philadelphia.

William Freeman is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, in Philadelphia.

Jack Freeman, of Philadelphia, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. H. Black and wife.

Clifford V. Flower is spending a few days with relatives in Wilmington this week.

Miss Julia Duglans spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. James P. McCoy, Jr.

Mr. Allie Pierce, wife and daughter Edna were the guests of James Pierce and wife on Monday.

Miss Eddie Ferguson, of Chesapeake City, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Ferguson.

Messrs. Rechle and J. E. Ferguson, of Chestertown, are spending a few days with Noble Ferguson.

Mr. Harry Budd and wife were entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. George Beaten, near Earlville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blackway were entertained one day last week by Mr. Woolleyham and wife, of Earlville.

Dallas Manlove, of Philadelphia, has returned home after spending several days with his parents, Mr. John Manlove and wife.

Messrs. Dorney and George Oldham, of Philadelphia, are spending several days with their parents, Mr. George Oldham and wife.

Robert Anderson returned to St. John College, Annapolis, on Thursday after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. Robert Anderson and wife.

